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# FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT



## Town of **SUGAR HILL** New Hampshire

Year ending December 31, 2005

Congratulations to  
Harman's Cheese & Country Store  
for 50 years of business  
in Sugar Hill  
(1955 - 2005)



*Photo on front cover:*  
*Harman's Cheese & Country Store*  
*by*  
*Nancy and Donald Heggarty of Reno, Nevada*





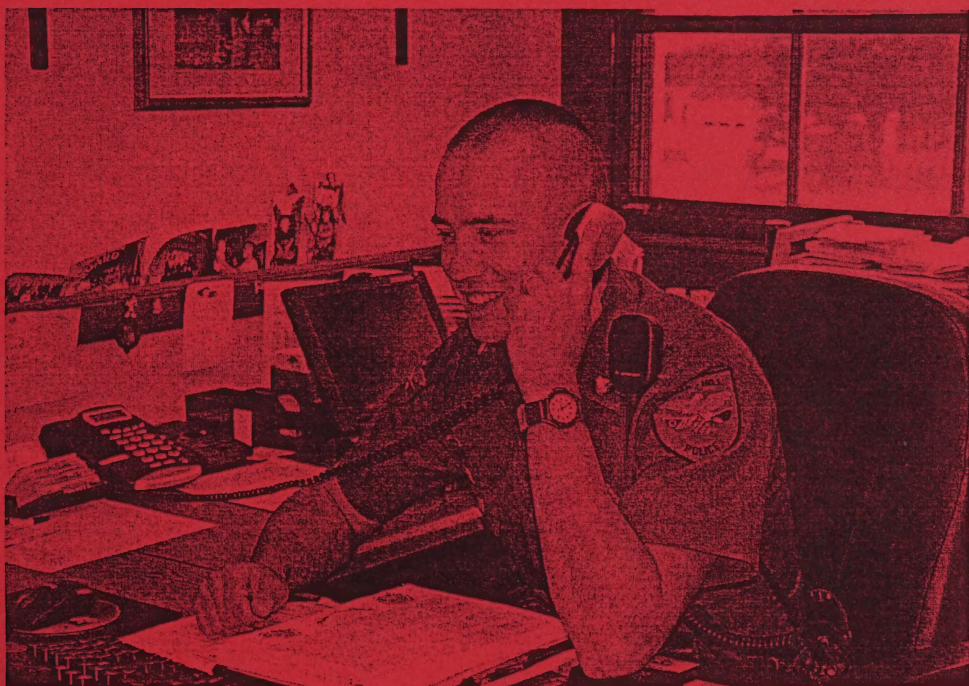
Chief Jose Pequeno was critically injured on March 1, 2006 in Iraq. Jose was deployed in May of 2005 and was scheduled to return in June 2006. He is currently being cared for at the Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. A fund has been established for his family to assist them during this difficult time.

Donations may be sent to:

Northway Bank  
Attn: North Woodstock Branch  
P.O. Box 9  
Berlin, NH 03570  
or  
Sugar Hill Police Department  
P.O. Box 567  
Sugar Hill, NH 03586

You may post good wishes to Jose and his family at:  
[www.caringbridge.org/visits/josepequeno](http://www.caringbridge.org/visits/josepequeno)

Cards may be dropped off at the Town Office and will be forwarded to Jose and his family.







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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Richard Bielefield, Chairman	(Term Expires 2006)
Harry L. Reid	(Term Expires 2007)
John J. Strasser, III	(Term Expires 2008)

### **TOWN OFFICE**

Telephone 823-8468

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Jennifer P. Gaudette

### **TOWN CLERK**

Lissa Boissonneault

### **TAX COLLECTOR**

Lissa Boissonneault  
Elizabeth Coombs Andross, Deputy

### **TREASURER**

Amy Venezia

### **TOWN AUDITOR**

William W. Pinney

### **CHIEF OF POLICE**

Jose L. Pequeno (Appointed)

### **FIRE CHIEF / FIRE WARDEN**

Allan Clark (Appointed)

### **TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY**

911

### **EMERGENCY ONLY**

### **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

1-800-564-6911

Non-Emergency 823-8123

### **HIGHWAY AGENT**

Douglas R. Glover

### **OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

Board of Selectmen

### **HEALTH OFFICER**

Margaret Connors

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Allan Clark

### **MODERATOR**

James F. Snyder (2006)

### **TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS**

Richard Gagne	(2008)
David F. McPhaul	(2007)
Bruce S. Perlo	(2006)

### **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Starcy Branch	(2010)
Dr. John Rowbotham, Chairman	(2008)
Edith Aldrich	(2006)

### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Irene Amsbary	(2008)
Elaine Burpee	(2007)
Eleonore Card	(2006)



## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

	Beth Perlo	(2007)		
Holly Hayward	(2007)	Nancy D. Aldrich	(2006)	
Kathleen Jablonski	(2008)	Meri Hern	(2006)	

## **PLANNING BOARD**

	Robert Hayward, Jr., Chairman	(2006)		
James Keefe	(2006)	Christopher Thayer	(2008)	
David Thurston	(2006)	June Chase	(2008)	
John J. Strasser	(2007)	Arthur Chase, Alternate	(2008)	
Sidney Regan	(2007)	Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary	(2007)	

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

	Michael Hern, Chairman	(2007)		
Peter Anderson	(2008)	Janet Anderson	(2006)	
Walter Zandi	(2008)	Catherine Burke	(2006)	
Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary	(2007)	Sarah Pinney, Alternate	(2007)	

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Margaret Connors, Co- Chair	(2008)	Robert Benson, Co- Chair	(2006)	
Ailsa Gagel	(2008)	Peter Carbonneau	(2006)	
Timothy Williams	(2008)	Rebecca Brown, (resigned 2005)	(2007)	
Grant Ruggles	(2007)	Luther Kinney	(2007)	
Edna Glaessel, Alternate	(2008)	Kathie Galligan, Alternate	(2007)	
Janet Williams, Alternate	(2008)			

## **RECREATION PROGRAM**

### **SUGAR HILL REPRESENTATIVES**

Gordon Johnk  
Jean Serino

All 2005 reports from various agencies not printed in this Town Report are on file in the Selectmen's Office and available upon request.

# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - RESULTS

## MARCH 8, 2005

Moderator James F. Snyder declared the polls open at 11:00 AM for voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers). Polls will close at 7:30 PM unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon starting at 7:30 PM.

**ARTICLE 1:** To vote by nonpartisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year
- An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Auditor to serve for a term of one (1) year
- One Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years
- Two Board of Adjustment members to serve for a term of three (3) years
- One Board of Cemetery Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

**Results of Article 1:**

Selectman, Three Year Term.....	John J. Strasser, III.....	61
Town Treasurer, One Year Term .....	Amy Venezia.....	61
Town Clerk, One Year Term.....	Lissa Boissonneault.....	62
Tax Collector, One Year Term.....	Lissa Boissonneault.....	62
Town Auditor, One Year Term .....	William Pinney.....	17
Library Trustee, Three Year Term (Vote for One) .....	Irene Amsbary .....	62
Board of Adjustment, Three Year Term(Vote for Two).	Peter Anderson .....	55
	Walt Zandi.....	51
Cemetery Trustee, Three Year Term (Vote for One).....	Kathleen Jablonski .....	1
Trustee the Trust Funds, Three Year Term.....	Richard P. Gagne .....	62
Overseer of Public Welfare.....	Margo Connors.....	4

Moderator James F. Snyder stated that he would read the following articles slowly and if anyone had questions, to raise their hand and they would be recognized. He also asked that anyone who wished to speak, to stand and identify themselves so the Town Clerk could record them correctly, and to speak loudly so that everyone could hear them. He stated that discussion would follow at the end with any amendments. Moderator Snyder also recognized Roger Aldrich for his many years of service to the Town of Sugar Hill in a wide variety of positions, the most recent being our Town Moderator, retiring in the year 2004.

**ARTICLE 2:** To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Executive.....	\$41,800.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics .....	15,950.00
Payroll Taxes.....	15,000.00
Financial Administration.....	19,850.00



Property Revaluation.....	12,000.00
Legal Expenses.....	6,000.00
Planning Board.....	3,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	800.00
Insurance .....	84,551.37
General Government Buildings.....	61,426.00
Rent .....	35,000.00
Buildings & Grounds .....	26,499.00
Cemetery .....	6,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	7,498.95
North Country Council.....	998.95
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce.....	6,500.00
Police Department.....	147,692.00
Fire Department .....	38,800.00
Ambulance .....	3,090.00
Ross Ambulance.....	1,590.00
Life Squad .....	1,500.00
Emergency Management.....	250.00
Town Maintenance.....	87,877.00
General Highway Department Expense .....	80,435.00
Highway Block Grant .....	46,299.35
Street Lighting.....	6,500.00
Solid Waste Disposal .....	32,692.00
Health, Hospitals .....	3,591.00
North Country Home Health.....	1,247.00
Grafton County Senior .....	550.00
American Red Cross.....	250.00
Hospice.....	366.00
White Mountain Mental Health.....	678.00
Littleton Hospital.....	500.00
Welfare.....	12,500.00
Tri-County Cap.....	725.00
Unemployment.....	100.00
Library.....	13,133.00
Parks and Recreation.....	14,871.00
North Country YMCA .....	150.00
Patriotic Purposes.....	600.00
Conservation Commission .....	1,500.00
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes .....	2,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.....	\$792,805.67

The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.

Moved by Sarah Pinney

Second by William Pinney

A discussion followed.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by James McCusker

Second by Harold Aldrich

A discussion followed.

**All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Donald Boissonneault

Second by Ed Hansalik

A discussion followed.

**All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be used for Highway Department Road work. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the fund is expended or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required)

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by William Pinney

Second by Ed Hansalik

A discussion followed.

**All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Ron Frenkiewicz

Second by Starcy Branch

A discussion followed.

**All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Harold Aldrich

Second by Beverly Frenkiewicz

A discussion followed.

**All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to replace the existing fire department tanker. This article will be funded in the amount of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and the salvage value of the existing tanker to be replace.



The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Allan Clark

Seconded by William Pinney

Article 8 was amended from the floor to read as follows: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to replace the existing Fire Department Tanker. This article will be funded in the amount of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Five Hundred dollars from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and the balance of Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars from taxes.

Moved by Allan Clark

Seconded by Donald Boissonneault

**All in favor “Aye” Opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Ed Hansalik

Second by Rob Hayward

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Ron Frenkiewicz

Second by Rob Hayward

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$13,500) for the purpose of repairs to the Sugar Hill Fire Station.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Harold Aldrich

Second by Gordon Johnk

**All in favor “Aye”, opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) in support of the Ammonoosuc Community Health.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Irene Amsbary

Seconded by Russ Gaitskill

**All in favor “Aye”, opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 13:** To transact and other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Margo Connors, Co-Chairman of the Conservation Commission, announced a public hearing on Wed., March 16th to discuss disbursements of conservation funds. Wendy

Thayer gave an update on the Sugar Hill Improvement Association's playground project. She stated that \$1,500 is needed to complete the planned project. Richard Bielefield, Selectmen recognized Beth Perlo for ten years service on the Planning Board. He also made mention of Sugar Hill's new zip code which was effective on July 1, 2004. It is now 03586. Lissa Boissonneault made mention of Sugar Hill's annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July party which will take place again this year at the Carolina Crapo Building for all Sugar Hill Residents. Fire Chief Allan Clark discussed the installation of the 911 signs to be installed at all Sugar Hill homes for fire and emergency purposes. He stated that the SHFD will install the signs for residents in order to have 100% signage up. This is very important and helpful for emergency services and is free of charge. Moderator Snyder thanked Mike and Meri Hern for providing dinner for the election workers.

Moderator Snyder then stated, with no more business he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Moved by William Pinney

Seconded by Donald Boissonneault

**All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lissa M. Boissonneault  
Town Clerk



# BALANCE SHEET

(As at December 31, 2005)

## ASSETS

Cash - Unrestricted Checking		\$573,336.05
Cash - Restricted Savings		14,912.41
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 2005	\$127,503.98	
Land Use Change Taxes	3,921.30	
Reserve for Uncollected, etc.	<u>(38,164.00)</u>	
Total Uncollected Taxes		93,261.28
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 2004	24,716.59	
Prior Years	19,078.67	
Reserve for Uncollected, etc.	<u>(1,746.83)</u>	
Total Unredeemed Taxes		42,048.43
Taxes Deeded Property Subject to Resale		<u>6,172.58</u>
Total Assets		\$729,730.75

## LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
School District Tax Payable	\$461,545.00	
Accrued Payroll	<u>4,436.48</u>	
Total Liabilities		\$465,981.48
Reserved for Articles Carried Forward	13,611.50	
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	6,172.58	
Reserved for Conservation Fund	14,912.41	
Fund Balance – Unreserved, Undesignated	<u>229,052.78</u>	
Fund Equity		<u>\$263,749.27</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		<u>\$729,730.75</u>

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land Under Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 805,648.00
Land	53,418,663.00
Buildings	75,410,600.00
Public Utilities	<u>964,687.00</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	130,599,598.00
Elderly and Blind Exemptions	<u>85,000.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed for Municipal, County and Local Education	130,514,598.00
Less Utilities	<u>964,687.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate For State Education Tax Is Computer	\$129,549,911.00

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Total Town Appropriations	\$ 1,088,805.00	
Less: Revenues	(456,094.00)	
Less: Shared Revenues	(6,235.00)	
Add: Overlay	38,164.00	
War Service Credits	<u>6,200.00</u>	
Net Town Appropriations	670,840.00	
Municipal Tax Rate		5.14
Net Local School Budget	0.00	
Regional School Apportionment	1,028,507.00	
Less: Equitable Education Grant	0.00	
State Education Taxes	<u>(322,506.00)</u>	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	706,001.00	
Local Education Tax Rate		5.41
State Education Taxes		
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x \$2.84		
113,558,325	322,506.00	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		2.49
129,549,911		
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State	0.00	
Due to County	158,176.00	
Less Revenue and Credits	<u>(1,397.00)</u>	
Net County Tax Assessment	156,779.00	
County Tax Rate		1.20
Combined Tax Rate		14.24
Total Property Taxes Assessed	1,856,126.00	
Less: War Service Credits	<u>(6,200.00)</u>	
Property Tax To Be Raised	\$1,849,926.00	



## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Meetinghouse, Land and Buildings	\$199,200.00
Furniture and Equipment	64,247.00
Library Furniture and Equipment	15,000.00
Police Department Equipment	45,000.00
Fire Department, Land and Buildings	122,400.00
Equipment	695,400.00
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	176,600.00
Equipment	409,750.00
Town Hall, Furniture and Equipment	50,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	
Coffin Pond	26,000.00
Historical Museum	91,000.00
Woodland	
Creamery Pond	22,900.00
Land - Pearl Lake Road	19,400.00
Land - Route 117	2,400.00
Land - Route 93	3,400.00
Cemeteries	<u>13,900.00</u>
Total	\$1,956,597.00

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Voters of the Town of Sugar Hill:

I herewith submit my report of the financial doings of my office for the year 2005:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$129,801.02
Dog Licenses Issued:	503.50
Marriage Licenses:	304.00
Other Permits and Fees:	<u>2,472.00</u>

Total	\$133,080.52
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Remittances to Treasurer:	
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$129,801.02
Town Clerk Fees:	980.00
Title Application Fees:	368.00
Dog Licenses Issued:	503.50
Dog License Fees:	100.00
Dog License Penalty:	100.00
Dog License Late Fees:	6.00
Marriage Licenses Issued:	304.00
Town Clerk Fees:	56.00
Vital Statistics:	112.00
Town Clerk Fee:	56.00
UCC Filing Fee:	420.00
Federal Tax Lien Fee:	15.00
State Tax Lien Fee:	45.00
Town Filing Fees:	4.00
State HAVA Compensation	150.00
Insufficient Funds Fees:	<u>60.00</u>

Total	\$133,080.52
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Respectfully submitted,  
Lissa M. Boissoneault  
Town Clerk



# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2005

### DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes – Beginning of Fiscal Year:	Levies of 2005	Levies of 2004	Levies of 2003
Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$111,770.91	\$
Land Use Change	0.00	380.00	
Yield Taxes	0.00	424.63	
Taxes Committed This Year:			
Property Taxes	1,850,206.68	0.00	
Land Use Change	75,803.30	0.00	
Yield Taxes	4,650.75	0.00	
Overpayment:			
Property Taxes	0.00	5,255.38	1,009.79
Land Use Change	1,290.00	0.00	
Interest Late Tax	<u>1,517.63</u>	<u>4,087.30</u>	<u>                    </u>
Total Debits	\$1,933,468.36	\$121,918.22	\$1,009.79

### CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	\$1,722,702.70	\$ 82,669.74	\$
Land Use Change	73,172.00	380.00	
Yield Taxes	4,650.75	268.03	
Interest	1,517.63	3,579.30	
Penalties	0.00	0.00	
Conversion to Lien	0.00	27,938.35	
Costs Not Liened	0.00	508.00	
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes		5,255.38	1,009.79
Adjustment		1,319.42	
Uncollected Taxes End of Year:			
Property Taxes	127,503.98	0.00	
Land Use	3,921.30	0.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>                    </u>
Total Credits	\$1,933,468.36	\$121,918.22	\$1,009.79

**SUMMARY OF LIEN ACCOUNTS**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005**

**DEBITS**

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>Prior</b>
Unredeemed Liens				
Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$20,092.99	\$ 7,344.97	\$1,186.20
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	30,113.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	<u>204.72</u>	<u>1,099.98</u>	<u>1,793.47</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Debits	30,317.90	21,192.97	9,138.44	1,186.20

**CREDITS**

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>Prior</b>
Remittances to Treasurer: Redemptions	5,396.59	2,994.46	5,364.83	1,186.20
Interest & Cost After Lien Execution	204.72	1,099.98	1,793.47	0.00
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Fiscal Year	<u>24,716.59</u>	<u>17,098.53</u>	<u>1,980.14</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Credits	\$30,317.90	\$21,192.97	\$9,138.44	\$1,186.20

**UNREDEEMED PROPERTY TAXES FROM TAX LIEN**

BY ORDER OF THE SELECTMEN THE FOLLOWING LIST IS  
INCLUDED PER 1997 TOWN MEETING

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Boucher, James	\$2,508.02	\$1,430.51
Caporelli, Mary A. & Patricia	1,709.31	2,181.35
Corless, Langford	2,350.88	2,346.58
Hayward, Paul	4,517.55	1,116.72
Kiraly, Barbara E.	2,810.47	1,510.95
Peckett, Robert P. III	9,108.96	6,400.11
Young, Gary G. Jr.	<u>1,711.40</u>	<u>2,112.31</u>
Totals	\$24,716.59	\$17,098.53

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2005**  
**Cash Basis**

Beginning Cash Balance, January 1, 2005	
Connecticut River Bank NOW Checking	\$ 603,301.54

**RECEIPTS**

Tax Collector	\$1,937,758.17	
Town Clerk	133,080.52	
Selectmen	269,366.91	
Loan Proceeds (Tax Anticipation Notes)	150,000.00	
Transfers (Trust & Capital Reserve Funds)	101,605.59	
Interest on NOW Account	<u>493.00</u>	
 Total Receipts		 \$2,592,304.19

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Orders of Selectmen	2,473,324.13	
Loans Repayments	<u>150,000.00</u>	
 Total Disbursements		 <u>2,623,324.13</u>
 Ending Cash Balance, December 31, 2005		 <u><u>\$ 572,281.60</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,  
 Amy M. Venezia  
 Treasurer

**POLICE PERMIT ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance 1/1/05	\$990.62	
Deposits	60.00	
Withdrawal	0.00	
Interest Earned	<u>3.83</u>	
Balance 12/31/05		\$1,054.45

**CONSERVATION LAND USE FUND**

Beginning Balance 1/1/05	\$19,739.25	
Deposits	5,000.00	
Withdrawal - Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust	(10,000.00)	
Interest Earned	<u>173.16</u>	
Balance 12/31/05		\$14,912.41



## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

### Cash Basis

#### Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year	\$1,722,702.69
Yield Taxes, Current Year	4,650.75
Property Tax Interest and Cost, Current Year	2,022.72
Property Taxes, Prior Year	112,782.92
Current Use Change, Current Year	73,172.00
Current Use Change, Prior Year	380.00
Yield Tax, Prior Year	424.63
Property Tax Interest and Costs, Prior Year	3,543.85
Lien Redemptions, Prior Years	14,942.08
Lien Interest & Penalties, Prior Years	<u>3,136.53</u>

#### Total Taxes Collected

\$1,937,758.17

#### From Local Sources and Miscellaneous, except Taxes:

Motor Vehicle Permits	129,801.02
Town Clerk Fees	980.00
Title Application Fees	368.00
Dog Licenses, Fees, Penalty	709.50
Marriage Licenses	360.00
Vital Statistics	168.00
Insufficient Fund Fees	60.00
UCC Filing Fees	630.00
Town Office Filings	<u>4.00</u>

#### Total Town Clerk

133,080.52

Building Permits	990.00
Police Department Revenue	399.00
Fire Department Revenue	6,105.00
Zoning Board Fees	575.00
Planning Board Fees	2,648.00
Selectmen	10,709.41
Cemetery	1,400.00
Rent of Town Property	450.00
Insurance Reimbursements	6,989.76
Sale of Municipal Property	2,602.00
Cable TV Permit	<u>958.00</u>

#### Total Miscellaneous

33,826.17

#### From State:

Highway Block	46,299.35
Revenue Sharing Block	13,910.00
Rooms and Meals	22,827.43
Federal Grants	<u>152,503.96</u>

Total From State & Federal Grants		235,540.74
Interest on NOW Account	493.00	
Capital Reserve Funds	101,605.59	
Temporary Loans (TAN Notes)	<u>150,000.00</u>	
Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		<u>252,098.59</u>
Total Receipts From All Sources		2,592,304.19
Cash on Hand, January 1, 2005		603,301.54
Grand Total Of Receipts		<u><u>\$3,195,605.73</u></u>

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

### General Government:

Executive	\$ 37,832.10
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	10,240.46
Financial Administration	17,638.86
Revaluation of Property	8,994.75
Legal Expenses	4,250.83
General Government Buildings	32,527.22
Rent Crapo Building	35,000.00
Meetinghouse-repairs (CRF)	4,718.75
Crapo Building Painting (CRF)	8,500.00
Grounds and Maintenance	26,550.64
Planning Board	2,941.42
Zoning Board of Adjustment	326.02
Advertising & Regional Associations	7,498.95
Cemeteries	5,858.00
Insurance	74,972.49
Payroll Taxes	<u>15,654.40</u>

### Total General Government Expenses

\$293,504.89

### Public Safety:

Police Department	104,230.13
Fire Department	47,205.68
Warrant Article (#11) Station Repairs	12,002.53
Franconia Life Squad/ Ross Ambulance	3,090.00
Emergency Management	334.48
Fire Department Truck (Article #8)(Grant)	<u>155,579.00</u>

### Total Public Safety Expenses

322,441.82

### Highway, Streets and Bridges:

Town Maintenance	91,715.13
General Expenses of Highway Department	78,646.84
Highway Block Grant	46,299.35
Highway Roadwork Non – Lapsing Fund	51,388.50
Street Lighting	7,496.56
Highway Dept. Dump Truck (CRF)	<u>82,928.84</u>

### Total Highways, Streets and Bridges Expenses

358,475.22

### Sanitation:

Solid Waste Disposal	32,642.00
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### Total Sanitation

32,642.00

### Health:

Health, Hospitals	<u>4,091.00</u>
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### Total Health Expenses

4,091.00

### Welfare:

Assistance	<u>12,893.21</u>
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### Total Welfare Expenses

12,893.21



Culture and Recreation:		
Library	12,210.06	
Recreation	14,965.00	
Patriotic	<u>600.00</u>	
Total Culture and Recreation Expenses		27,775.06
Conservation:		
Conservation Commission	1,541.36	
Current Use Conservation Fund	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total Conservation Expenses		6,541.36
Debt. Service:		
Interest Expense – Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>3,563.63</u>	
Total Debt. Service Payments		3,563.63
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Article #4 Highway Equipment	40,000.00	
Article #6 Police	12,000.00	
Article #7 Fire Department	10,000.00	
Article #9 Meetinghouse	10,000.00	
Article #10 Crapo Building	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		82,000.00
Cemetery Trust Funds:		
Lots Purchased	1,200.00	
Total Cemetery Trust Funds		1,200.00
Miscellaneous:		
Tax Refunds, Overpayments, Abatements	7,687.76	
Taxes Bought by Town	<u>30,113.18</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses		37,800.94
Unclassified:		
Payments – Tax Anticipation	<u>150,000.00</u>	
Total Unclassified Expenses		150,000.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
Taxes Paid to County	158,176.00	
Payments to School Districts	1,021,682.00	
Payments to State School Tax	<u>110,537.00</u>	
Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		<u>1,290,395.00</u>
Grand Total of Expenditures		\$2,623,324.13

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

### Executive:

Selectmen - Salary	\$ 3,300.00
Administrative - Gaudette	16,785.49
Hourly Help - Andross	5,460.00
Moderator - Salary	100.00
Workshops	188.92
Telephone	1,001.71
Computer Services, Internet, Equipment	2,593.55
Mapping	2,413.00
Registry	136.96
Printing/Notices	2,018.00
Dues & Subscriptions	1,000.72
Office Supplies	1,817.65
Postage	665.10
Maintenance (Air conditioner)	238.00
Books & Periodicals	20.00
Plants, Flowers, Gifts	93.00

### Total Executive Expenses

\$ 37,832.10

### Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Checklist - Salary	175.00
Ballot Clerks - Salary	142.50
Town Clerk - Boissonneault	4,671.05
Workshops	105.00
Computer - Programs, Training, Equipment	1,550.00
Telephone	107.59
Printing/Notices	93.75
Dues	20.00
Office Supplies	375.07
Postage	111.00
MV Fees Town & State	1,425.00
Title Fees	362.00
Vital Statistics	340.00
Vital Fees	56.00
UCC Fees	150.00
Dog Licenses	212.50
Dog Fees	100.00
Marriage Licenses	76.00
Marriage Fees	56.00
Miscellaneous Fees	12.00
Motor Vehicle Refunds	100.00

### Total Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

10,240.46

### Financial Administration:

Tax Collector - Boissonneault	4,103.25
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Dep Tax Collector & AA - Andross	5,290.00	
Treasurer	1,500.00	
Workshops	50.00	
Auditor	1,175.00	
Bank Fees	201.30	
Telephone	407.78	
Computer -Program, Training & Equipment	2,586.53	
Research Lien	334.00	
Registry	250.38	
Office Supplies	1,065.12	
Dues	25.00	
Postage	377.50	
Lien Fees	<u>273.00</u>	
Total Financial Administration Expenses		17,638.86
Total Revaluation		8,994.75
Total Legal Expenses		4,250.83
Payroll Taxes:		
Sugar Hill FICA (Town Contribution)	12,042.71	
Sugar Hill Medicare (Town Contribution)	<u>3,611.69</u>	
Total Payroll Taxes Expense		15,654.40
Planning Board:		
Secretary - Salary	1,650.94	
Grafton County Registry	376.37	
Printing/Notices/Books	397.50	
Office Supplies	158.41	
Postage	320.70	
Miscellaneous	<u>37.50</u>	
Total Planning Board Expenses		2,941.42
Zoning Board:		
Secretary	168.13	
Printing/Notices/Books	112.50	
Postage	<u>45.39</u>	
Total Zoning Board Expenses		326.02
Government Buildings:		
Card - Salary	10,686.47	
Telephone (Elevator)	738.57	
Electricity (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	3,776.42	
Heating Oil (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	8,819.19	
Maintenance - Purchased	4,708.91	
Supplies	2,116.66	
Rent	35,000.00	
Medical	161.00	



Clock Maintenance	<u>1,520.00</u>	
Total Government Buildings Expenses		67,527.22
Grounds & Maintenance:		
Card - Salary	23,204.10	
Supplies	221.28	
Maintenance & Repair	120.95	
Diesel	596.01	
Groundskeeping	1,535.55	
Vehicle Repair	832.75	
Radio	<u>40.00</u>	
Total Grounds & Maintenance Expenses		26,550.64
Crapo Capital Reserve Painting		8,500.00
Meetinghouse Capital Reserve (Kitchen Floor, Frozen Pipes)		4,718.75
Cemeteries:		
New Fence	3,158.00	
Maintenance	400.00	
Stone Cleaning 2003/04	<u>2,300.00</u>	
Total Cemeteries Expenses		5,858.00
Insurance:		
Health - Building & Grounds	11,274.96	
Highway	26,496.12	
Police	6,342.15	
Retiree (reimbursed)	6,989.76	
Dental (All Departments)	3,979.67	
Property Liability	14,872.34	
Worker's Compensation	<u>5,017.49</u>	
Total Insurance Expenses		74,972.49
Total Advertising & Regional Associations Expenses		7,498.95
Ambulance:		
Ross Ambulance	1,590.00	
Franconia Life Squad	<u>1,500.00</u>	
Total Ambulance Expenses		3,090.00
Police Department:		
Jose L. Pequeno, Chief - Salary	22,491.39	
Officer David Wentworth	37,960.00	
Overtime Pay	682.50	
Prosecutor	1,666.70	
Health Insurance - Wentworth	11,274.96	
Police Retirement	4,673.76	
Workshops	537.40	
8123 Line	676.75	

Telephone	1,699.26	
Computer Services	1,796.96	
Dispatch Service	7,714.64	
Medical Services	962.50	
Photo Lab	369.35	
Uniforms	370.85	
Dues	100.00	
Supplies	766.01	
Office Supplies	499.59	
Radio Maintenance	951.44	
New & Replacement Equipment	150.99	
Vehicle Maintenance	3,584.56	
Postage	157.50	
Gasoline	4,648.77	
Books & Periodicals	327.00	
Dog Control	142.25	
Petty Cash	<u>25.00</u>	
Total Police Department Expenses		104,230.13
Fire Department:		
Salaries	17,820.00	
Training	595.00	
Telephone	429.38	
Information Line 8123	676.75	
Computer Services	795.57	
Dispatching Services	1,052.00	
Electric	946.08	
Heating Oil	4,660.72	
Building Maintenance	2,531.84	
Uniforms & Protective Clothing	1,803.12	
Dues	420.27	
Supplies	1,071.97	
Postage	61.40	
Gasoline	25.00	
Diesel Fuel	1,113.94	
Vehicle Maintenance	4,588.42	
Equipment Maintenance	1,848.20	
Radio Maintenance	1,324.91	
New & Replacement Equipment	5,188.61	
Fire Pond Maintenance	208.60	
Notices/Photo	<u>43.90</u>	
Total Fire Department Expenses		47,205.68
Fire Department Truck (Grant 135,500 Salvage 6,000)		155,579.00
Building Repairs Article 11		12,002.53
Emergency Management Hazardous Mitigation Grant		334.48

Town Maintenance:		
Douglas Glover - Salary	51,365.08	
James A. Cyrs	31,008.33	
Hourly Help	4,088.00	
Retirement	<u>5,253.72</u>	
Total Town Maintenance		91,715.13
General Highway Department:		
Telephone	1,647.86	
Computer	434.40	
Medical Services	120.00	
Electricity	1,976.08	
Heating Oil	3,164.23	
Building Maintenance	1,274.82	
Uniforms	2,046.70	
Dues	69.00	
Supplies	364.98	
Office Supplies	107.52	
Shop Supplies	2,666.63	
Gasoline	4,536.73	
Propane	85.14	
Diesel Fuel	9,686.09	
Vehicle Maintenance	13,729.86	
Equipment Maintenance	10,925.76	
Radio Maintenance	625.17	
Street Maintenance	24,147.53	
Street Signs	675.44	
Printing Notices	190.00	
New Equipment	<u>172.90</u>	
Total General Highway Department		78,646.84
Roadwork Non-lapsing Account		51,388.50
Highway Dept. Dump Truck (CRF)		82,928.84
Total Street Lighting Expenses		7,496.56
Total Highway Block Grant Expenses		46,299.35
Total Solid Waste Disposal Expenses		32,642.00
Total Health & Hospitals Agencies Expenses		4,091.00
Total Welfare Expenses		12,893.21
Total Parks & Recreation Expenses		14,965.00
Library:		
Librarian - Salary	5,757.05	
Telephone	412.21	
Computer	227.45	
Dues	32.00	



Supplies	86.35	
Postage	76.00	
Books & Periodicals	<u>5,619.00</u>	
Total Library Expenses		12,210.06
Patriotic:		
Town Party	500.00	
Lafayette Lions	<u>100.00</u>	
Total Patriotic Expenses		600.00
Conservation Commission:		
Franconia Conservation Commission	100.00	
Printing	44.16	
Grant	<u>1,397.20</u>	
Total Conservation Commission Expenses		1,541.36
Current Use Conservation Fund		5,000.00
Total Tax Anticipation Notes Payment		150,000.00
Total Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes		3,563.63
Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds:		
Meetinghouse	10,000.00	
Highway Department	40,000.00	
Fire Department	10,000.00	
Police Department	12,000.00	
Crapo Building	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds		82,000.00
Transfers - Trust Funds		
Cemetery	1,200.00	
Total Transfers - Trust Funds		1,200.00
Total Taxes Paid - County		158,176.00
Total Taxes Paid - School District		1,021,682.00
Total Taxes Paid - State School Tax		110,537.00
Total Taxes Bought by the Town		30,113.18
Total Tax Refunds, Abatements, Overpayments		<u>7,687.76</u>
Total Detailed Expenses		\$2,623,324.13

The enclosed reports are from the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the year 2005.

## CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2005

### PRINCIPAL INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on		Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
				Sale of Securities	Withdrawals					
06/19/76	Highway Dept. CRF	\$ 43,395.70	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 82,220.63	\$ 1,175.07	\$ 578.34	\$ 708.21	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,175.07
06/23/76	Police Department CRF	13,062.55	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	25,062.55	164.43	0.00	724.56	25,787.11
12/31/91	Meetinghouse CRF	1,902.95	10,000.00	0.00	4,518.75	7,384.20	11.87	200.00	17.38	7,401.58
03/17/99	Highway Dept. Roadwork CRF	690.45	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	690.45	70.95	410.00	290.21	980.66
08/01/04	Carolina Crapo CRF	990.10	10,000.00	0.00	8,350.00	2,640.10	24.63	178.89	53.52	2,693.62
07/19/93	Fire Department CRF	<u>8,963.27</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>18,963.27</u>	<u>113.02</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>524.24</u>	<u>19,487.51</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL		\$ 69,005.02	\$ 122,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 135,089.38	\$ 55,915.64	\$ 514.77	\$ 1,468.21	\$ 1,609.91	\$ 57,525.55
RESERVE FUNDS										

All Funds Invested 100%.

All Funds are Bank Deposits at Connecticut River Bank N.A. or PDIP.

Respectfully,  
David McPhaul  
Chairman, Trustee of the Trust Funds

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2005

PRINCIPAL INCOME									
Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	Gains or (Losses) on		Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
			New Funds Created	Sale of Securities					
10/09/75	Sunnyside Care Fund (1)	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,338.96	\$ 455.09	\$ 3,794.05	\$ 13,200.00
09/21/73	Louise Leazott Trust (1)	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	411.13	25.91	0.00	937.04
11/05/43	Annie Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	94.86	6.88	0.00	251.74
11/03/37	Frank E. Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	94.86	6.88	0.00	251.74
10/18/56	J. L. & Gertrude Bowles Trust (1)	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	52.40	4.31	0.00	156.71
07/11/84	Hersom Murray Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	58.57	5.84	0.00	214.41
10/09/75	Anker Trust (2)	3,500.79	0.00	0.00	3,500.79	694.71	119.92	0.00	4,315.42
10/09/75	Sunnyside Cemetery Fund (3)	15,648.09	0.00	0.00	15,648.09	4,201.87	567.09	1,663.95	18,753.10
TOTAL CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS		\$ 32,198.88	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 33,398.88	\$ 8,947.36	\$ 1,191.92	\$ 5,458.00	\$ 38,080.16

- (1) Interest only may be used for lot care.
  - (2) Funds may be used at discretion of Cemetery Trustees.
  - (3) Funds may only be used for Sunnyside Maintenance.
- All Funds Invested 100%.
- All Funds are deposited in PDIP.

Respectfully,  
David McPhaul  
Chairman, Trustee of the Trust Funds



# LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

## Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2005

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	P R I N C I P A L					I N C O M E					Grand Total of Principal & Income End of Year
		Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year		
10/09/75	Gladys Jesseman Memorial Trust	\$ 1,841.23	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,841.23	\$ 141.97	\$ 56.65	\$ 0.00	\$ 198.62	\$ 2,039.85	
09/21/73	Fredericka Harnes Fund	1,564.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,564.10	292.96	53.13	0.00	346.09	1,910.19	
11/05/43	Alice Smith Fund	903.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	903.50	169.73	30.60	0.00	200.33	1,103.83	
1/22/2001	Richardson Memorial Trust	<u>70,742.51</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>72,742.51</u>	<u>3,921.74</u>	<u>2,042.90</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>3,964.64</u>	<u>76,707.15</u>	
	TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS	\$ 75,051.34	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 77,051.34	\$ 4,526.40	\$ 2,183.28	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,709.68	\$81,761.02	

All Funds Invested 100%.  
All Funds are deposited in PDIP or CDs.

Respectfully,  
David McPhaul  
Chairman, Trustees of Trust Funds

## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The year 2005 saw the continuation of projects the Trustees had approved. A split rail fence around the new part of the Sunnyside Cemetery was installed by the low bidder, Whitney's Inc. at a cost of \$3,158.00

John Hanks of Littleton Monument continued the work of cleaning and repairing the older monuments in Sunnyside Cemetery. We will continue this project in 2006 until all of Sunnyside's older monuments are in good condition. We will then use our available funds for the Streeter Pond Cemetery.

We would like to commend Ellie and Lloyd Card for their outstanding maintenance of the grounds. A special thanks to Doug Glover and his crew for the road maintenance and to Lorraine Hunt for once again placing the flags for Memorial Day.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Perlo, Chairman  
Nancy Aldrich  
Holly Hayward  
Meri Hern  
Kathleen Jablonski  
Cemetery Trustees

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

As in our past, the records of our Town are being well kept by our Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Administrative Assistant. The ladies are totally cooperative and helpful and the audit was completed in record time.

The Town Treasurer's records and bank statements are now on the computer, which helps a great deal.

There are some minor changes we need to make such as consolidating Trust Funds and providing an account to invest surplus funds periodically so we make a little interest. We are currently looking at new assessing programs as the Town is required to be certified by the Department of Revenue in 2006 and a new program is needed. The Town Clerk is also updating her computer to comply with new State of New Hampshire requirements.

Finally, thanks must go again to Ralph Brigida for doing our CPA reports. The whole process saves the Town some \$4,000 a year.

It's been a blast working with Lissa Boissonneault, Jennifer Gaudette and Bit Andross. They make it a pleasure to work for the Town.

Respectfully submitted,  
William Pinney  
Volunteer Town Auditor

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Every year we seem to face at least one issue uniquely different from any we've had previously. Naturally, 2005's was the request to build a cell tower on Scragg off Route 93. Not only is it virtually impossible to preclude such a structure, but Federal legislation appears to trump most of the options towns may have. Fortunately, the tower, when built, will be relatively unobtrusive, provide better coverage down I93, and will be removed when it is no longer needed. Additionally, a second tower proposed for Garnet Hill will likely not be built, as the cell operator seems to have secured a place on the Scragg tower.

Energy costs - heating oils and motor fuels - were a major expense for the town as they were for most residents. Who envisioned \$3.00 per gallon gasoline by August! Prices have not appreciably declined and appear to permanently stick around that level. We can only hope they will not markedly increase. Costs gave us some hectic moments as we struggled to ensure we could/would operate within the overall budget. We also believe we will have no choice if we are to be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers but to close the Meetinghouse from the Town's Christmas Party to Town Meeting in '07 to conserve both heat and other costs.

The Fire Department's new tanker came on line during the year. It is undeniably a positive addition toward the protection of our properties.

Chief Jose Pequeno's deployment to Iraq, while not unexpected, left the PD short handed especially since there is a paucity of available personnel with the necessary credentials to fill in. Hence we have had to operate most of the last six months with but one officer. The chief is expected to return sometime this summer. The outpouring of cards and other items sent to him during the Christmas period were much appreciated and helped brighten what was an otherwise extremely difficult period.

Our efforts to purchase the Crapo Memorial have become a 75-year lease, which the Town will be asked to approve at Town Meeting. It appears a more viable option than petitioning the courts to approve a purchase.

Both the Crapo Memorial and the Meeting House will require roofing in the near future. Our long-term road improvement program will proceed though not at the speed with which we'd originally hoped. The Historical Museum Trustees approached the Selectmen to determine the Town's interest in the building. This seems to be extremely murky, and makes it difficult for the Museum to plan repairs and maintenance. In an effort to simplify matters, we propose the Town relinquish its interest (s) to the Sugar Hill Improvement Association. Additionally, we need to prepare for the potential of having to repair/refurbish either of our bridges. By establishing a capital reserve, we will be eligible for a State grant - otherwise we'll have to bear those expenses alone. Voters will be asked to approve a Bridge Capital Reserve Fund at Town Meeting.

Thus far 2006 gives every indication of following prior years; it will be interesting to see what will be new and different.

For the Selectmen  
Richard Bielefield  
Chairman....

# TOWN OF SUGAR HILL

## TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sugar Hill, in the County of Grafton, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, will be held at the Meetinghouse on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 7:30 p.m., to act on the following subjects:

Polls will open at 11 a.m. for voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers) and Article 2 (Amendment to Town Ordinance). Polls will close at 7:30 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon starting at 7:30 p.m.

**ARTICLE 1:** To vote by nonpartisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year
- An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Auditor to serve for a term of one (1) year
- One Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years
- Two Board of Adjustment members to serve for a term of three (3) years
- Two Board of Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years
- One Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of six (6) years.
- A Town Moderator to serve for a term of two (2) years
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

**ARTICLE 2:** (To Vote by Official Ballot)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to height restrictions. The official copy of the amendment is on file and available to the public at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of the meeting. The following question is on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to Article 3, Section 308.3 A of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

*(The Planning Board recommends the adoption of the amendment.)*

**ARTICLE 3:** To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Executive.....	\$46,500.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics .....	17,220.00
Payroll Taxes.....	20,000.00
Financial Administration.....	29,000.00
Revaluation of Property .....	12,000.00
Legal Expenses.....	6,000.00



Planning Board.....	3,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	800.00
Insurance .....	113,842.67
General Government Buildings.....	69,100.00
Rent .....	35,000.00
Buildings & Grounds .....	34,664.00
Cemetery .....	6,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	7,548.28
North Country Council.....	1,048.28
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce.....	6,500.00
Police Department.....	134,600.00
Fire Department .....	60,800.00
Ambulance .....	3,140.00
Ross Ambulance.....	1,640.00
Life Squad .....	1,500.00
Emergency Management.....	100.00
Town Maintenance .....	118,868.00
General Highway Department Expense .....	107,191.00
Highway Block Grant .....	44,959.00
Street Lighting.....	7,500.00
Solid Waste Disposal .....	34,013.76
Health, Hospitals .....	4,091.00
North Country Home Health .....	1,247.00
Grafton County Senior .....	550.00
American Red Cross.....	250.00
Hospice .....	366.00
White Mountain Mental Health.....	678.00
Littleton Hospital.....	500.00
Ammonoosuc Community Health.....	500.00
Welfare .....	5,725.00
Tri-County Cap.....	725.00
Unemployment.....	100.00
Library .....	14,200.00
Parks and Recreation.....	16,144.39
North Country YMCA .....	150.00
Patriotic Purposes.....	750.00
Conservation Commission .....	2,000.00
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes .....	4,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.....	\$924,357.10

The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the fund is expended or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required)

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be used for the purchase of new air packs for the Sugar Hill Fire Department.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to establish the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA35:3 for the purpose of providing funds for rehabilitation of existing bridges and to raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in said fund and name the Selectmen as agents of the Town to expend the fund for the objectives stated in this article.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 7, Sugar Hill Town Warrant adopted March 14, 2000 to read as follows; To see if the Town will vote to deposit the first Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) and Fifty Percent (50%) of the

remainder up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) of the annual revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (The Land Use Change Tax) in the Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79A:25 II.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to lease the Carolina Crapo Memorial Building from the Sugar Hill Improvement Association for a term of seventy five (75) years and further, to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate the terms of said lease, and to take such other actions as may be necessary to implement this article.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to convey its interest in the former Fire Department Building currently housing the Sugar Hill Historical Museum to the Sugar Hill Improvement Association.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

**ARTICLE 16:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

SUGAR HILL BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
John J. Strasser III  
Richard Bielefield  
Harry L. Reid

**RETURN OF POSTING**

We hereby attest that within the Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for the Town Meeting described therein, and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy in one other public place in the Town of Sugar Hill, namely the Sugar Hill Post Office fourteen (14) days before the day of the Meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, no counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

SUGAR HILL BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
John J. Strasser III  
Richard Bielefield  
Harry L. Reid

Given under our hands and seals the 27th day of February, Two Thousand and Six.

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL – REVENUE**  
**(Modified Accrual Basis)**

<b>SOURCES OF REVENUE</b>	<b>Estimated 2005</b>	<b>Actual 2005</b>	<b>Estimated 2006</b>
Taxes:			
Yield Taxes	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,651.00	\$ 2,500.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	5,000.00	8,703.00	5,000.00
Land Use Change Tax	5,000.00	75,803.00	2,500.00
Intergovernmental Revenues - State:			
Shared Revenue - Block Grant	13,900.00	13,910.00	13,900.00
Highway Block Grant	46,299.00	46,299.00	44,959.00
Rooms & Meals	20,000.00	22,827.00	20,000.00
Other	0.00	764.00	0.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	125,000.00	131,068.00	125,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,500.00	2,320.00	2,000.00
Building Permits	750.00	990.00	750.00
Business Licenses & Permits	0.00	630.00	0.00
From Federal Government:	151,750.00	151,740.00	6,562.00
Charges For Services:			
Income from Departments	4,000.00	15,731.00	5,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue:			
Interest on Deposits	350.00	679.00	400.00
Sales of Municipal Property	2,500.00	8,707.00	0.00
Rent of Town Property			500.00
Other Refunds & Insurance:			
Reimbursements	7,400.00	7,440.00	7,700.00
Other Financing Sources:			
Withdrawals -Trust/Agency Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Balance (“Surplus”)	<u>30,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Revenues and Credits	<u><u>\$415,949.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$492,262.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$236,771.00</u></u>



# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL EXPENDITURES

## (Modified Accrual Basis)

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriation 2005	Actual 2005	Estimated 2006
General Government:			
Executive	\$ 41,800.00	\$ 37,848.00	\$ 46,500.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	15,950.00	10,245.00	17,220.00
Financial Administration	19,850.00	17,653.00	29,000.00
Revaluation of Property	12,000.00	8,995.00	12,000.00
Personnel Administration	15,000.00	15,654.00	20,000.00
Legal Expenses	6,000.00	4,251.00	6,000.00
General Government and Building and Grounds	87,925.00	94,108.00	103,764.00
Cemeteries	6,500.00	5,858.00	6,500.00
Planning & Zoning	3,800.00	3,267.00	3,800.00
Insurance	84,551.37	74,972.00	113,842.67
Advertising & Regional Association	7,498.95	7,499.00	7,548.28
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	0.00	100.00
Public Safety:			
Police Department	147,692.00	103,667.00	134,600.00
Fire Department	38,800.00	52,785.00	60,800.00
Life Squad - Ross Ambulance	3,090.00	3,090.00	3,140.00
Emergency Management	250.00	334.00	100.00
Highways, Streets and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance	87,877.00	92,444.00	118,868.00
General Highway	80,435.00	78,647.00	107,191.00
Highway Block Grant	46,299.35	46,299.00	44,959.00
Street Lighting	6,500.00	7,497.00	7,500.00
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Disposal	32,692.00	32,642.00	34,013.76
Health:			
Health and Hospitals	3,591.00	3,591.00	4,091.00
Welfare:			
Town Poor	12,500.00	12,893.00	5,725.00
Culture and Recreation:			
Library	13,133.00	12,210.00	14,200.00
Parks and Recreation and YMCA	14,871.00	14,965.00	16,144.39
Patriotic Purposes	600.00	600.00	750.00
Conservation:			
Conservation Commission	1,500.00	1,541.00	2,000.00

Transfers Out:			
Cemetery Trust Funds	0.00	1,200.00	0.00
Debt Service:			
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>3,564.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$792,805.67</u>	<u>\$748,319.00</u>	<u>\$924,357.10</u>
Special Warrant Articles Recommended			172,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended			15,000.00
Total Appropriations Recommended			\$1,111,357.10
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits			<u>-236,771.00</u>
Amount Of Taxes To Be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			\$ 874,586.10

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF  
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES**  
(Year Ending December 31, 2005)

	Appropriation 2005	Actual 2005	Unexpended or Overdrafts
Executive	\$ 41,800.00	\$ 37,832.10	\$ 3,967.90
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	15,950.00	10,240.46	5,709.54
Financial Administration	19,850.00	17,638.86	2,211.14
Revaluation of Property	12,000.00	8,994.75	3,005.25
Payroll Taxes	15,000.00	15,654.40	(654.40)
Legal Expenses	6,000.00	4,250.83	1,749.17
Government Buildings	61,426.00	67,527.22	(6,101.22)
Buildings and Grounds	26,499.00	26,550.64	(51.64)
Cemeteries	6,500.00	5,858.00	642.00
Planning Board	3,000.00	2,941.42	58.58
Zoning Board	800.00	326.02	473.98
Insurance	84,551.37	74,972.49	9,578.88
Advertising and Regional Association	7,498.95	7,498.95	0.00
Police Department	147,692.00	104,230.13	43,461.87
Fire Department	38,800.00	47,205.68	(8,405.68)
WA #8 Truck & #11BLDG Repairs	163,500.00	167,581.53	(4,081.53)*
Life Squad-Ambulance	3,090.00	3,090.00	0.00
Emergency Management	250.00	334.48	(84.48)
Town Maintenance	87,877.00	91,715.13	(3,838.13)
General Highway	80,435.00	78,646.84	1,788.16
Highway Block	46,299.35	46,299.35	0.00
Street Lighting	6,500.00	7,496.56	(996.56)
Solid Waste Disposal	32,692.00	32,642.00	50.00
Health and Hospitals & WA #12	4,091.00	4,091.00	0.00
Welfare	12,500.00	12,893.21	(393.21)
Unemployment	100.00	0.00	100.00
Library	13,133.00	12,210.06	922.94
Parks & Recreation	14,871.00	14,965.00	(94.00)
Patriotic Purposes	600.00	600.00	0.00
Conservation Commission	1,500.00	1,541.36	(41.36)
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000.00	3,563.63	(1,563.63)
	<u>\$956,805.67</u>	<u>\$909,392.10</u>	<u>\$47,413.57</u>
Capital Reserve Funds	82,000.00	82,000.00	0.00
Article #5 Roadwork Non Lapsing	65,000.00	51,388.50	13,611.50
Grand Total	\$1,103,805.67	\$1,042,780.60	\$61,025.07

\*Salvage received 6,000

## TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

2005 proved to be a highly successful year for our Transfer Station/Recycling Center. Despite the growth of our towns, garbage tonnage actually decreased by nearly 17 tons to 535.5 tons. Recycling tonnage rose by over 28 tons, giving us a recycling rate of 43%. This increase in recycling tonnage combined with strong markets though most of the year pushed our recycling income over the \$30,000 mark.

We recycled:	216 tons of paper products
	18 tons of plastic
	12 tons of tin cans
	4 tons of aluminum cans
	56 tons of scrap metal
	<u>101 tons of glass</u>
Total	407 Tons

During 2005 we made several improvements to our recycling receiving area designed to protect our attendants from the harshest winter weather. We also hope to replace our skid steer loader in 2006. Thanks to our recycling income we have been able to finance these projects without additional funds from taxpayers.

As a member of the Pemi Baker solid waste district we are participating in one of the only paint recycling programs in the northeast. We will accept paint for recycling at the transfer station during the warm months (May to October). Most but not all types of paint are acceptable for recycling so please ask us for further details. There will be another Household Hazardous Waste collection in Littleton this June but the exact date is yet to be determined.

Greg, Chris and I thank you, our customers, for your cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Marshall  
Transfer Station Manager

## 2005 PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District met seven (7) times during 2005. Once again, District programs provided residents access for proper disposal of their household hazardous wastes (HHW), paint, fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze and rechargeable batteries. The District also worked diligently on securing long term disposal and hauling contracts for its member communities.

The District's one-day HHW collection program consisted of three collections held in the towns of Littleton, Plymouth, and Thornton. An estimated 502 residents were served by the collections – 43% of which had never participated in a collection event before. The total costs for the three collections were slightly less than \$22,500, which is comparable to the costs associated with the 2003 and 2004 one-day collection program. The District received \$11,196 in grant funds from the State of NH's HHW grant program to help offset a portion of the program's costs. The 2005 program saw the District collect



slightly more than 33,090 pounds of wastes, again comparable to the amounts collected in 2003 and 2004. The average amount of waste disposed of by individual participants was approximately 66 pounds. Flammable liquids and oil-based paints accounted for nearly half of the waste collected. In 2006, the District plans to hold two (2) collections in the spring (Littleton and Rumney) and one (1) in the fall (Plymouth).

In addition to the one-day HHW collections, individual District towns continued to collect leftover/unused household paint. This material is accepted at most facilities April through September. Our selected contractor sorts the material by color and then processes it into a recycled paint product for commercial sale. Over 2,000 gallons of paint was collected in 2005, almost identical to the amount collected in 2004. At the same time the District decreased the amount of non-acceptable materials collected by nearly 50%, which saved over \$900 in charges.

The District also recycled over 27,200 feet of fluorescent light bulbs and 1,100 gallons of antifreeze. These materials, much like the paint, were collected at individual transfer stations throughout the year. In the spring and fall pickups were coordinated with our recycling vendors. The ongoing collections not only provide less expensive recycling options for wastes typically collected at HHW collections, but they also allow District residents greater access to disposal opportunities, in turn minimizing the potential for improper disposal. All of the District's collection programs were coordinated with the assistance of North Country Council.

Finally, after a comprehensive request for proposal process the District's sub-committee assigned for handling the contract process recommended to the full District Board a waste disposal contract offered by North Country Environmental Services and a waste hauling contract offered by Waste Management, Inc. At the District's November meeting, the Board voted to accept the proposals submitted by both companies. Pending final negotiations, both contracts will be for seven years, commencing on May 1, 2006. These contracts will not only provide District communities with competitive pricing but also provide long-term stability.

Citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Berti, Chairman

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

With 2005 behind, I look back on the Police Department business and the year seems to have gone by very quickly. However as we think about Chief Pequeno's deployment to Iraq, it seems like much more time has passed.

I have worked hard to continue the good work that Chief Pequeno began prior to his departure. I am very pleased to announce that the new Mobile Transmitting Systems (MDTS), that chief Pequeno discussed in last year's report is now complete and installed in the Sugar Hill cruiser. This system was provided by the Grafton County Sheriffs Department through a Federal Grant. We can now access all of the information provided in all of the "Calls for Service" from the Dispatch Center. With this information we are able to save valuable time previously spent on paperwork and spend more time patrolling on the roads.

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Calls for Service	733	379
Arrests	7	18
Motor Vehicle Stops	327	425
MV Accidents	7	12
Alarms	39	52
911 (Hang Up)	14	
Dog Complaints	30	

Please note that the large disparity between Calls for Service in 2005 and 2004 is the result that the MDTS more accurately tracks our activity. Much of our activity in prior years wasn't as accurately portrayed. With combined reports this year, 2006 should provide us with an accurate report of activity.

The department would once again like to thank the Sugar Hill Fire Department for purchasing and installing the emergency 911 numbers for the residents of Sugar Hill, they have proven to be an extremely valuable asset. We would also like to thank them for their invaluable assistance with motor vehicle accidents as well as providing the fine, professional services they perform during the course of the year. We would also like to give the Sugar Hill Highway Department our most sincere thanks for their continued hard work and long hours dedicated to maintaining a safe and clear road system within the community.

In closing, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the citizens of Sugar Hill, who continue to show such great encouragement and support for the Sugar Hill Police Department, particularly during the time that Chief Pequeno has been deployed. I am truly grateful to have had the opportunity to serve such a fine community.

Thank You  
Sgt. David D. Wentworth

## **A Personal Message from Chief Pequeno**

First let me begin by wishing you greetings from Iraq. It feels strange to be writing this from over here as I am normally sitting at my desk typing. Boy...I cannot wait to be there again. I want to say THANK YOU to all of you who have sent me packages and cards during the holiday season. It was such a welcome surprise to receive so many warm wishes from the community. Those cards and packages came at a time that was really rough for me to be separated from my family and helped to make the holiday season more tolerable and also gave me some fond memories. I cannot thank everyone enough for the support I have received during this deployment. I have received regular correspondence and packages from the community, through Jen, which truly goes to show the caliber of people within Sugar Hill. Many of my fellow soldiers are so amazed at the generosity of the community. I hope this finds each and every member of the community well and I look forward to the day I return home and am able to return to the community.

One final thing, I would be remiss in my duties as the Chief of Police if I did not put in my yearly blurb about the Emergency 911 numbers. I am sure there are some out there that have yet to get their free 911 numbers installed for their homes. Please, I cannot stress it enough, contact the Sugar Hill Fire Department to have this very vital sign placed out on the roadside. You cannot imagine the value of such a small sign and the time it can save responding agencies. I know we are a small community but think of it as if we need outside agencies to respond to assist us, who may not know the community as well as we do.

Thank you once again and please be safe, I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Jose L. Pequeno  
Chief of Police



## **SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

During 2005 your fire department was very active in three key areas; service projects to the community, training and emergency calls. It was a very busy year with many accomplishments for which all should be proud.

In November, the department took delivery of a 2006 Sterling Acterra 2000 gallon tanker with a 500-gallon pump which replaced a smaller tanker that was previously used as a highway truck. The new tanker, which cost \$156,000 was funded by a federal grant in the amount of \$130,500, sale of the old tanker in the amount of \$6,000 and local taxes in the amount of \$19,500. This piece of fire apparatus will serve the Town well in the future and provides a large quantity of water on a nimble vehicle.

This year the Department was fortunate to receive a second Automated External Defibrillator (AED) through a State grant. The quick utilization of an AED provides the best chance of recovery from cardiac arrest. Ten of our eighteen firefighters are trained in advanced CPR and use of the AED. One AED is kept on the Rescue Truck and the other in the Chief's vehicle for quick deployment. A community CPR class is scheduled to be held in March to provide CPR training to the citizens of the Town.

We have increased the amount of training this year with training a minimum of two times per month. We concentrate on classroom training on our meeting nights and outside working drills, regardless of the weather on our drill night. We have sent a majority of the department to the State Fire Academy for live burn training, trained with the Littleton Fire Department in an abandoned home simulating actual fire conditions and we have drilled throughout the community.

We have concentrated on the basics and the skill level of the firefighters has increased as long as their confidence level. We are recognized by the area communities as one of the best equipped, trained and dedicated fire departments. Should you see us out training do not hesitate to stop and observe. Firefighters are always willing to demonstrate their skills and especially like to show off the equipment. We have excellent equipment and expend a lot of effort in maintaining it at a high level.

We are nearing completion of our 911 identification sign program. There are still homes without the signage and we would be pleased to install your sign or provide a new sign if you have misplaced it. Simply call the station at 823-8415 and we will install the sign. I cannot over emphasize the importance of displaying a 911 sign. This project was completed by firefighters volunteering their time and using funds that they raised to purchase the signs and sign posts.

The second phase of that project is to place a smaller sign on the 911 identification sign that will identify on long driveways the distance from the road to the house. This is vital information for the tactics used in a fighting a fire.

The Department is in the process of working with the Insurance Services Office to improve the fire rating for the community. Although an involved project, it will result in a reduction in our home and business fire insurance rates.

The Department has also initiated a fire prevention program headed by our Fire Prevention Officer, Meghan McGovern. All new oil burners require a permit from the



Department, all new homes, are inspected by the department prior to the issuance of an occupancy certificate and all places of assembly require an annual permit. Owners of several of the commercial properties in Town have recently made substantial life safety improvements to their properties. We are fortunate to have such responsible owners.

Those within our community who have a fire alarm system that dials out or is connected to a monitoring service are strongly recommended to install what is known as a Knox Box at your property. The Knox Box contains a key to your property within a secured box. Access can only be obtained to the box through a radio tone from our dispatch center and a record of who accessed the box is maintained. By utilizing a Knox Box it will give us access in case your alarm goes off without us forcing entry and likely causing damage. For more information go to our web site at [www.sugarhillfd.org](http://www.sugarhillfd.org) or give me a call.

With the price of heating fuel skyrocketing we have anticipated more heat related fires, which unfortunately has proven true. Chimney fires, which recently were rare are becoming more common. We remind everyone to clean and inspect their chimneys annually. Our Fire Prevention Officer and I are available to inspect any new woodstove installations. Simply call the station and leave a message.

This past year saw an increase in calls to a historically high level. Our number of incidents increased 80% over 2004. In 2005 we had 56 calls as compared to 2004 when we had 31. 2004 was lower than normal as in 2003 we had 52 calls. Several of these calls were related to the unusual amount of severe weather that we experienced. We have also experienced an increase in serious motor vehicle accidents and are hopeful that this is simply an anomaly.

The following is a break down of Fire Department calls during 2005 as compared to 2004.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Brush/Grass Fires	0	1
Chimney Fires	2	0
Fire Alarm Activations	9	1
Hazardous Conditions	15	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	8	7
Mutual Aid - Cover	3	4
Mutual Aid - Scene	11	9
Rescues	1	2
Service Calls	2	2
Smoke Investigations	0	1
Structure Fires	4	1
Vehicle Fire	1	0
TOTAL	56	31

Your firefighters have made a major commitment to serving the Town. We meet and drill twice a month, have additional extended training at least once every two months and respond to incidents. Our Department is very active and we typically have attendance of 85% or better. We are seeking two additional firefighters and any interested person should contact one of the members.

During 2005, Joe Lange retired after many years of service. As of December 31, 2005 the Fire Department active roster consisted of eighteen of your neighbors who are as follows:

Chief Allan R. Clark

Asst. Chief Doug Glover	Asst. Chief Doug Amsbary	Captain Gordie Johnk
Engineer Jim Cyr, II	Engineer Harold Aldrich	Engineer Barry Bernstein
Clifford Aldrich	Eric Chase	Russell Gaitskill
Jason Kern	Luther Kinney	Meghan McGovern
Mark Simpson	James Snyder	Peter Szawlowski
Marc Tardiff		Karl Wockenfuss

I have done many things in my life including managing numerous companies, but nothing that I have done in my career has been as personally rewarding as serving as your fire chief. Thank you for the opportunity and thank you to the firefighters for their support and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allan R. Clark, Fire Chief

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

During 2005, both the Federal Office of Emergency Management and the State office accepted the town’s Hazard Mitigation Plan that was prepared by the former Emergency Management director, Walter Zandi. This represents the culmination of considerable work by Walter.

During nearly the entire year, the Town experienced unusual severe weather that resulted in localized flooding and power interruptions. These are the natural hazards that were previously identified, as being the most likely that Sugar Hill would experience.

The Fire Station has been established as an emergency shelter with an emergency generator. Should further grants become available, an emergency generator will be installed at the Crapo Building to be the emergency shelter and separate the operations from the shelter.

There has been much press and concern about the Avian Flu and a possible flu pandemic. The State Office of Emergency Management is developing a statewide plan should a pandemic occur. Sugar Hill will adopt that plan, or applicable portions, once it is complete. The likelihood that a pandemic flu will occur in Sugar Hill is remote, but it is important that we understand that it could occur and that we are properly prepared.

The most important method for preventing both the spread of flu influenza and the common cold is to avoid others, cover your mouth when coughing and wash your hands often.

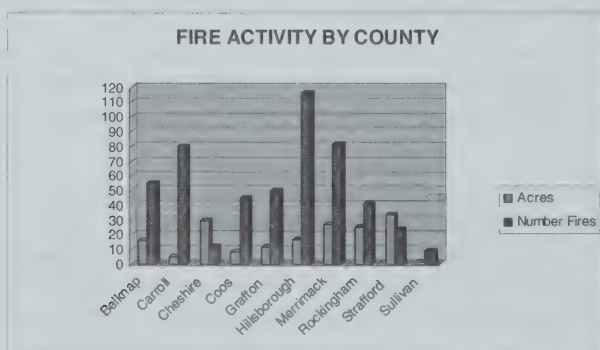
Respectfully submitted,  
Allan R. Clark,  
Emergency Management Director

## FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local Fire Department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2217, or online at [www.nhdfi.org](http://www.nhdfi.org).

Fire activity was high during the first several weeks of the 2005 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme fire danger in the southern and central portions of the state. This period of increased initial attack activity prompted a 5-day ban on open burning, the first such ban in several years. Despite the dry conditions, the state's largest wildland fire was contained at 29 acres. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping the fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged 10 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local Fire Department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

### 2005 FIRE STATISTICS (All Fires Reported thru November 4, 2005)



### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	2	Debris	284
Campfire	34	Railroad	1
Children	29	Equipment	7
Smoking	40	Lightning	5
Miscellaneous*	111		

(\*Miscellaneous: powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, etc)

### Total Fires Total Acres

2005	513	174
2004	482	147
2003	374	100
2002	540	187

### ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES



## FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

2005 was a year of transition for the Franconia Life Squad from a non-transporting first response unit to a full transporting ambulance service and from our members being volunteers to being paid on call similar to the fire department. Commencing on April 1<sup>st</sup> the Life Squad began transporting its patients to Littleton Regional Hospital.

Our members are from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton. They are dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency medical service to the communities it serves. Our members are all Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians and are constantly training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take a refresher course and an extensive practical exam. All members exceed the minimum required training and most far exceed the minimum.

Currently, three of our members are certified to provide Advanced Life Support and three are in the process of being certified at the advanced life support level which allows them to administer medications and start intravenous lines. Many have other specialized certifications. All of the members are certified in advance CPR and in the use of the heart monitor and defibrillator. Most importantly, all of our members are dedicated to providing compassionate emergency medical care.

The Franconia Life Squad works very closely with the area Police Departments and the Fire Departments. Working as a seamless team allows for a quick and professional mitigation of an emergency situation. The Franconia Life Squad currently has more active members than it has in its 34-year history. Current active members of the Franconia Life Squad include:

	Chief Dean Wright	
Asst. Chief Bill Mead		Captain Flo Place
Robert Anthony	Bill Blackwell	Tim Bray
Lani Brown	Brian Canelas	Allan Clark
Amy Cyrs	Chris Fowler	Jeff Gould
John Ireland	Gareth Slattery	Mark Taylor
	Dan Walker	

The Franconia Life Squad is highly respected by other EMS organizations and is held in high regard with Littleton Regional Hospital. It is well equipped and has highly professional well-trained members.



	<u>Franconia</u>	<u>Sugar Hill</u>	<u>Easton</u>	<u>2005 Total</u>	<u>2004 Total</u>
Motor Vehicle					
Accidents	51	5	2	58	57
Medical Emergencies	47	18	7	72	73
Trauma Emergencies	24	7	4	35	8
Lifeline Activations	1	2	0	3	3
Rescues	3	0	0	3	4
Fire Dept. Assists	1	0	0	1	6
Total Patients	127	32	13	172	151
Transported by Ross	16	19	5	40	N/A
Transported by FLS	48	1	6	55	N/A

During 2005 the Franconia Life Squad was involved in the following incidents:

The Franconia Life Squad is well prepared to assist the citizens and visitors to the area twenty-four hours a day seven days a week with quality emergency medical care. I sincerely thank the townspeople for their support and especially thank the members of the life squad for their countless hours dedicated to serving others in their time of need.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean Wright  
Chief, Franconia Life Squad

## RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

We would like to thank our patrons for your continued support of the library and your donations throughout the past year. We appreciate your enthusiastic patronage.

The library has the latest best sellers – both fiction and nonfiction – for you to choose from. Our nonfiction section has grown with many new titles on various subjects. We have quite a large selection of audios and CDs on the shelves. Our patrons have donated many of these titles.

If we don not have the book or audio you want, we can interlibrary loan it for you. In 2005, our patrons borrowed over 270 books from other NH libraries, while we loaned approximately 180 books to libraries in the state.

We now have two computers which our patrons use every day we are open. Sugar Hill seasonal residents also make good use of these computers during the summer.

We charge a yearly fee of \$20 for out-of-town residents, which is used to purchase new reading materials.

Visitors often stop in for a tour of the library. Some have come to view the scrapbook of the Carolina Crapo School, and mention that they or someone in their family attended school here, or taught here.

In January, Roger Aldrich presented a lecture and reading on the process of secession of Sugar hill from Lisbon. This was well attended by many local residents.

On February 12, we held our annual book sale. Please be sure to check out our 2006 book sale during the Frostbite Follies weekend.

In June, Mr. Phil and Company presented a magic program for children and adults. The NH Children's Summer Reading Program, "Camp Wannaread", was offered for six weeks during the summer.

In October, we had a Book and Crafts Time, "A Halloween Happening" for the local children, and in November, "Turkey time" was held.

Please support your local library - come in, visit, check out the library, check out a book!

### 2005

Patron Visits	1945
Adult Books	2075
Children's Books	1158
Audio Books	194

### Library Trustees:

Irene Amsbary  
Ellie Card  
Elaine Burpee

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharyn McGuigan, Librarian

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission remembers and pays tribute to John McIlwaine, who was the heart and soul of conservation efforts in the town for many years. Among other projects, John was the inspiration for the pamphlet, Birds of Sugar Hill which is available, free to all, at the town office.

We would like to thank Rebecca Brown and Lynn Kenerson, members who resigned from the Commission over the past year, for their many contributions. They were particularly instrumental in developing the town conservation survey and natural resource inventory maps (on display in the town building).

The Commission received a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) Trails Bureau in May 2005. However, we are still awaiting final review before we can begin work on the trail that will link Sugar Hill and Franconia along the Gale River. We anticipate that this trail, for non-motorized recreation, will be finished by the fall of 2006.

The Commission has been talking with its counterparts in Franconia and Easton to develop a tri-town system of non-motorized paths with published maps and trail guides. The trails will be open for walking, hiking, biking and cross-country skiing.

The Commission plans to hire a forester to mark the trail in the Town Forest. The forester will ensure that boundaries of the area are clearly delineated, develop a forest management plan, and supervise a timber sale on the property. The Commission will accept bids to create an interpretive map and signs for the forest trail.

The Commission distributed \$10,000 from the Sugar Hill Conservation Fund account \$5,000 to the Stewart Farm conservation easement and \$5,000 to the Whipple Farm easement. This fund was created to assist Sugar Hill residents to implement land and/or water conservation projects. Requirements and a checklist for conservation grants were developed in April 2005 (copies are available at the town office). Projects must meet the following criteria:

- ❖ The property is located in the town of Sugar Hill. If the property is located partially in another town, the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission will consider a donation proportionate to the amount of land in Sugar Hill.
- ❖ The property meets at least one of the following purposes:
  - Protects the town's rural character and natural resources
  - Provides outdoor recreation
  - Permanent protection for the parcel is assured
- ❖ The property meets one or more goals identified in the Sugar Hill Master Plan and encourages careful stewardship of land and water resources.
- ❖ The owner of the property is willing to participate in the transaction.

Residents may request a grant from the fund by contacting the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission, with a written proposal. There is approximately \$14,900 in the fund at this time.

The Commission contributed \$300 (matched by the Franconia Conservation Commission) to the Lafayette Regional School for a tree-planting project celebrating Earth Day 2005. We also participated in a regional roadside clean up with students, teachers and parents. We continue to perform regular trash pick-up along Route 117 from Sunset Hill Road to Route 18.

A copy of the Ammonoosuc Watershed Region Conservation Plan, March 2005, is available at the town office. This plan identifies ecologically significant areas for towns in the watershed region as well as lands that could be preserved for wood products, drinking water and rural character. It is a guide for landowners to protect biodiversity through planned forest stewardship,

The Commission meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the Town Building. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margo Connors  
Robert Benson  
Co-Chairs

**PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board would like to reflect on the growth and desires of the Townspeople. We are always open to constructive ways to improve and keep abreast of current changes. The Planning Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM at the Carolina Crapo Memorial Building.

The Planning Board saw the following activity for 2005:

Major Subdivision:	2
Minor Subdivision:	4
Lot Line Adjustment:	4
Voluntary Merger:	1

The Planning Board members have begun the process to do a complete review of the Subdivision Regulations and hope to have them ready for a public hearing. We expect that these changes will be available for public hearing in the fall of 2006.

The Planning Board would like to thank Michael Coyle for his dedication and willingness to volunteer his time on this Board both as Chairman and member.

Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board should write the Selectmen a letter expressing their interest for an appointment to the Board as an alternate or regular member. Appreciation is due to all the members who generously volunteer their time and work to maintain the quality and beauty of our Town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Venezia, Secretary



## THE WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY

The Willing Worker's Society is a non-sectarian, non-profit, charitable organization whose purpose is to serve the community.

It's been a busy year. We had our usual July Summer & November Christmas Sales; in addition we held a flea market with six others buying spaces, a garage sale and food sale in conjunction with the library book sale.

A get acquainted lunch was enjoyed hosted by the North Country Chamber Players.

Generous donations were given to us by: Robert Hayward Jr., Edna Glaessel, North Country Chamber Players, Rosemary Ellms and by Elise Drake (in memory of Mary Winn Foss).

The scholarship was awarded to Jennifer Strasser.

Fifty-four Christmas gifts were bought and wrapped for the town children, babies through sixth grade. Plants were given to shut-ins.

Refreshments were served after the memorial service for William Norton.

Donations were given to: Bancroft House, David's House, Franconia Life Squad, Littleton Senior Center, North Country Home Health, The Salvation Army for hurricane relief, State of New Hampshire Disaster Relief, for the Alstead flood, Littleton Hospital Cardio Rehab Unit in memory of Mary Winn Foss and to the Lisbon Library in memory of Dorothy Presby.

We are grateful to Sylvi Magown for being Secretary, when Nancy Smith was unable to continue, also to Rita Landry our Treasurer for two years.

Thank you to everyone, our workers, members and town people for donations of food and items and a special thank you to those that sewed, quilted, knit or crocheted for our sales.

### 2006 Officers

President: Sylvia Hutchinson

Vice President & Hospitality: Elaine Burpee

Treasurer: Edith Aldrich

Secretary: Polly Cole

Asst. Secretary: Sylvi Magown

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Hutchinson  
President

## SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM REPORT

George Howland, an early settler, is credited with the naming of Sugar hill because of the prevalence of sugar maples. Early town deeds refer to the new settlement on "the sugar hill". Stories are told of folks from Franconia climbing the hill to tap the trees. There were many sugarhouses here and we have a collection of photos taken by Charlie Stewart of existing sap houses and the remains of those long gone. Visitors to the museum this summer enjoyed Charles' sugaring exhibit in the Barn gallery.

The Main Exhibit "Woman's work I Never Done" was viewed by 472 visitors, many of whom remembered the not-so-easy days of doing laundry before the invention of automatic washers and steam irons!

Children's History Day visitors got to wash clothes on a scrub board, make butter and apple cider and enjoy many craft demonstrations.

Education Director, Sharyn McGuigan, directed the spring and fall school programs, reaching out to eight local schools.

The Sugar Hill Artisans Guild offered winter craft classes in traditional Rug Hooking, Wool Spinning, Basket Weaving, Quilting and Lamp Shade construction. The purpose of the Guild is to interest people in the traditional crafts of Victorian and Colonial times. The monies raised by the classes are used for the general operating budget.

The summer lecture series featured a N.H. Humanities program with Judith Moyer - "Clean Milkers, Prompt Delivery, NE Home Delivery 1860 - 1960". In August, Janet Williams of Sugar Hill presented a fascinating birding program with a slide show presentation at the Meetinghouse.

Looking ahead to our 30<sup>th</sup> year of operation, our summer exhibit will feature dolls, dollhouses and toys.

The success of the museum depends on volunteers giving of their time and talent, and your generous financial support. We thank you for both.

Respectfully submitted,  
Winnie Harwood  
Executive Director/Curator

## SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

*The Sugar Hill Improvement Association continues in its roll to support and further projects in town that benefit the village and its people.*

This year the Association and the Selectmen have been cooperating to work out a long-term lease of the Crapo Building and surrounding grounds to the Town. This is being done with the greatest care to provide these facilities as economically as possible for the good of this village. As we read in the newspapers of other town's difficulties in providing space for their town offices, police departments, etc., we are made ever more aware of how fortunate Sugar Hill is to have truly state of the art facilities for all departments of government, its library and an auditorium ideal for meetings, classes and sales.

During the July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005 town celebration, the beautiful new playground was formally dedicated culminating several years' work headed by Amy Mitz. Her report is below. This together with that annual festive event on July 4<sup>th</sup> are two great examples of the town spirit in Sugar Hill.

Recently the Association voted to provide funds to refurbish the Meetinghouse Auditorium floor. This floor was completely refinished several years ago. This proposed maintenance will assure the floor continues to be in prime condition, protecting the investment and assuring its beauty. Hardwood floors of this quality are hard to find these days. We are pleased to have a small part in its future.

All Sugar Hill residents are automatically members of the Improvement Association. We welcome everyone to join us, share ideas and work with us as we look to the future and all the special ways the Association can help make Sugar Hill and even more special place.

Respectfully submitted.  
Barbara Serafini, President

## PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE REPORT

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005 a dedication ceremony was held for our new Sugar Hill Playground. A total of 22,000 from over 100 townspeople and local businesses helped complete the installation of state-of-the-art playground equipment: a swing set, a climber, a slide structure which includes monkey bars, a ladder and fire pole, a classic seesaw and a stand-up seesaw. A contour bench and a bicycle rack were also installed.

From underwrites of installation costs and whole equipment pieces, to smaller donations given twice by residents who wanted to help and help again, all gifts equaled the success of the project which achieved its goal of replacing the old equipment.

Special thanks to road Agent Doug Glover and his partner Jim Cyrs, Jr., whose help was indispensable.

Local families “raked in” the final touches by distributing the soft landing surface evenly over the ground.

Our committee hopes that the improvements to the playground will bring families together to play in Sugar Hill. The Improvement Association welcomes suggestions and collaboration at all times to improve accessibility and sound environmental practices.

Plans for an additional phase to the playground project for toddler equipment are on file at the town offices in Sugar Hill, if any interested party would like to continue the playground project in the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Playground Committee  
Amy Mitz, Chair,  
William Pinney, Co-Chair,  
Dave McPhaul, Jr., Treasurer  
Maxine Aldrich  
Beverly Frenkiewich  
Liz-Anne Holland  
Wendy Thayer



## **FRANCONIA – SUGAR HILL – EASTON RECREATION COMMITTEE**

The Tri Town Recreation program has had another incredibly busy year! A huge thank you goes out to all of our volunteer coaches, officials, parent helpers and youth players for making our recreation program such a success for everyone in Franconia, Easton and Sugar Hill.

Our 2004 - 2005 basketball season went extremely well, the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade boy's team and the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys team dominated area basketball teams. Later in the season both teams combined with Bethlehem to create an all star powerhouse team in each age grouping that went on to several tournaments. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls combined with Bethlehem girls early in the season to create a team which played many local girls teams of the same age group. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams played several games. The girls' team combined with Bethlehem from the beginning and enjoyed getting to know other girls they would see soon at Profile. Many thanks to coaches Scott Johnson, Mike Kelley, Roxi Wessels, Scott Knowlton and our Bethlehem coaches!

Our youth baseball/softball teams were successful for another season. Our t-ball team, farm league team, a minor league baseball, a major league baseball and a major league softball team completed our roster. Many of our coaches continued to coach and many players had the opportunity to continue to play this summer as part of our All Star teams. Many thanks to our Coaches Scott Johnson, Mike Kelley, Tom Eyman, Heidi Wright, Kirk Luce, Jeff Malcolm, Gareth Slattery and Tina Weed. Also to our umpires who made this a successful season for everyone involved.

Summer Recreation went for a full 8 super sunny weeks this summer at the Lafayette Regional School with many returning staff and even more returning campers. Summer Recreation involved lots of biking and traveling throughout Franconia and even out to Sugar Hill and Easton for swimming under the watchful eyes of recreation lifeguards/counselors Anne Cowles and Jenna Serino. Thank you to Franconia Police Officer Taylor for our extensive bike safety workshop early this summer. Field trips to Santa's Village, Storyland, Whale's Tale, local state parks to swim and Canobie Lake Park made for some exciting Friday field trips. Swim lessons continued under the capable direction of Jean Serino at the Gale River Motel for the summer campers, Franconia Children Center's pre-school camper through our third grade Rec. campers. Water Safety instruction was on Tuesdays for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders while we were at Echo Lake for the day.

Soccer season brought almost the whole school population out to the field for practices and games. The younger teams were able to use smaller fields and goals at the school where the older teams were out on the Dow Field almost daily. A big thank you to the referee's, parent volunteers and Coaches Mark Simpson, Steve Berlack, Derek Annesar, Brian Canelas, Scott Knowlton, Linda Johnson, Kevin Senft, Phil Branch, Jeff Malcolm and Gareth Slattery who made sure everyone had a good time this fall.

Funds made available through the State of New Hampshire's Land and Water Conservation Fund program made it possible for us to level the far end of the Dow Strip

for additional playing fields and replace the playground equipment and improve landscaping on the Dow Strip. Many thanks to the numerous volunteers that assisted not only financially, but with their services or equipment in helping get our new playground up and ready for the summer season.

This winter we will have all the lights back on at the ice rink and hope to see many of you out there with your skates on and ready for a good time. We are looking to bring back “Family Night” at the ice rink in hopes of getting more families out on the ice together. We hope you’ll join us for music, hot chocolate, hot dogs, skating and lots of fun!

The Tri-Town Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:00pm. We welcome the public to attend and look forward to another exciting year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kris Germain, Recreation Director  
and the Tri-Town Recreation Committee  
**Easton:** Brian Canelas and Mike Kenney  
**Franconia:** Kim Cowles, Jeff Malcolm  
and William “Red” McCarthy  
**Sugar Hill:** Gordie Johnk & Jean Serino

## FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dear Selectmen, Residents and Friends,

The Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce would like to say thank you to the three towns, Franconia, Sugar Hill & Easton, for your continued and combined support. In the year(s) to come, The Franconia Notch Chamber wishes to strengthen the center of business support for the bettered interest of those residing in, working in and visiting our townships.

With last year being a year of re-growth and organization for the chamber we are poised to move forward this year. We shall develop and expand upon the good and positive efforts of this past year to include:

The refreshed and renewed Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce's website, [www.franconianotch.org](http://www.franconianotch.org). As one of the oldest operating sites, and with its refreshed appearances and positioning, it remains high on all major search engine lists and is a main frame of our information and communication resources. Jason Kern of KernBuilt.com, with the assistance of the Web Committee over saw and under took this task.

We printed and distributed a larger amount of a larger brochure than ever before produced. The 16-page full color piece is being distributed throughout all of the major rest areas around the state to highlight all that our towns have to offer. It is also distributed locally and serves as our membership directory for those closer to home. We have committed to the larger size & print run of 25,000 for the 2006 membership year, again with Moriah Design's assistance. We will save a tremendous amount by committing to the large amount early, where last year we missed this benefit. The 2005 distribution was much large than had been forecast.

We again operated 2 information booths, our main booth in the center of Franconia and a second one located in the Cannon Tram Base Station. Many visitors were personally assisted with their questions and directions, and many more phone calls and e-mails were answered too. Budgets currently enable and provide for full-time coverage of the booth in summer with part-time assistance come the onset of colder weather. Priscilla Hunt again stood steadfast to assist those who came asking, as she has for many, many seasons.

We look forward to another year of positive movement as last year certainly was. Our having to reprint brochures due to a heavier than expected distribution was the only budgetary "ripple" that was felt, with many new additions otherwise. Our Annual events: The Lupine Fest, Rugby Weekend and Sugar Hill Antique Show remain strong, and form the barometer by which season's might be judged.

Your support is greatly appreciated by all our member businesses spread throughout the Franconia, Sugar Hill, Easton & areas beyond. Our continuing collaborative efforts enable us to produce and succeed better than we might do alone. These are the strengths and benefits of such collaboration and partnering. Again, we wish to say thank you.

Sincerely,  
Cort Roussel, President,  
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce

# FRANCONIA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Calendar Year End 2005

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2005)	\$20,253.94
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## INCOME

Membership Dues		13,520.00
Brochure Mailings		80.00
Town Funds		
	Franconia	\$10,000.00
	Sugar Hill	6,500.00
	Easton	<u>65.00</u>
		16,865.00
Interest Earned		51.19
Fundraisers:		
	Antique Show	1,200.00
	Others	336.50
	Lupine Festival	<u>8,584.45</u>
		10,120.95
Miscellaneous		<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$40,637.14</b>

## EXPENSES

Booth Expenses:		
Payroll		\$11,819.88
Telephone		1,958.75
Electricity		124.67
Office, Booth Repairs, Misc.		1,706.35
Postage		1,128.93
Advertising		10,387.00
IRS (Payroll Taxes)		825.81
Bank Fees		.15
Insurance		1,676.00
Internet		4,602.62
Non-Booth Expenses:		
Salary		n/a
Administrative & Office		333.68
Dues & Subscriptions		50.00
Lupine Festival		6,050.30
Misc.		94.92
Donations		500.00
Services		<u>195.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$41,454.07</b>
Ending Balance (December 31, 2005)		<b>\$19,436.92</b>



## Notes to 2005

- a) Brochure mailing income decreased (487). Most Members not requesting additions of their brochures to info packets. Probably due to Internet access.
- b) Other fundraising – Old Home Days
- c) Ads.
  - 1) Ordered 10,000 more brochures at cost of \$4,446 in Fall as we're running out. Partially because now efficient distribution to State Welcome Centers. 2006 order to reflect higher # but with bulk purchase break
  - 2) Amount shown is decreased by \$600 of member payments for Snow East Ad. Bill not yet received. Actual ad cost other than Snow East \$10,987.
  - 3) Ad rates through Moria returned to market rates.
- d) Internet 2005 includes
  - 1) \$3,195 development cost of new web site by Kern Built
  - 2) \$1,039 of updating and modification costs. Much of 2004 and part of 2005 updates and modifying to old web site was done as volunteer work by a member. We are back to paying the developer to maintain the site.
  - 3) Actual ISP cost for year was cut by 1/2 as a 6 mo credit for Earthlink came with the purchase of the new computer
- e) Office includes the new computer @ \$1,152.94
- f) Salary- this was the Executive Director salary. Leaving as line item
- g) Non-booth expense- Telephone dropped as line item. No paying for Director 2<sup>nd</sup> line at home.
- h) Admin + Office
  - 1) workman's comp
  - 2) Annual mailing fee
  - 3) Renewal of trade name (5 yr)
  - 4) Non-profit report
- i) Donations- Playground equipment, Dow Field

**NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL  
REGIONAL COMMISSION & ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
Bethlehem, NH**

I would like to thank all of you for your support of the council this past year. We have made a number of positive changes and completed a number of projects throughout the region. Once again we reaffirmed the Council's commitment to serve community and regional needs.

Over the past year we have continued to deliver planning services throughout the region as you will see in this report. We have and we will continue to adjust our capacities to respond to the needs of the communities and I think you will see this in the programs that we will be introducing in the coming years. We continued our strong relationship with the Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in bringing funding and project development to the region. The Mount Washington Valley Technology Village and the Dartmouth Region Technology Center are two projects that are being implemented with funding provided by EDA. We have begun a Community Outreach program targeted at helping our planning boards with the difficult tasks of managing the planning activities in their communities. We have entered into an agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to do site assessments in our communities under the National Brownfields program. We are also very hopeful that the region will receive a Heritage Grant from the National Preservation Alliance to promote Heritage Tourism in our region. These programs as well as all the traditional programs in master planning, solid waste management, grant writing, natural resource planning and transportation planning will continue to be the focus of North Country Council. Please take the time to look over this annual report and give us some feedback as to where you think the council could improve and how we might better serve our communities.

Again, thank you for all of your support for the council. I hope that my staff and I can continue to be of service to your community. The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and Board are committed to responding to community need. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country.

Respectfully submitted;  
Michael King  
Executive Director

## **2005 REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE**

**By Raymond S. Burton, Executive Councilor**

As one of your elected public servants, I am honored to report to you in my role as Executive Councilor for District One.

My constitutional and legal responsibilities while serving in this position parallel those of a Board of Directors. We administer state law and budgets passed by the NH House and Senate. We also must comply with federal laws and regulations when we accept federal programs, projects and grants.

One responsibility of the Governor and Council is to seek citizens willing to serve on the state volunteer boards and commissions. It is important that your region be well represented. If you are interested in serving on a board or commission, please send your letter of interest and resume to my office or directly to Kathy Goode, Director of Appointments/Liaison to the Council, Governor's Office, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301, Tel. (603) 271-2121. Visit the Secretary of State's website to see what is available/open at: [www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm](http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm).

Sources of information from my office to you include:

- The New Hampshire Constitution
- Official NH Highway Map
- Organizational Chart of NH State Government
- NH Political Calendar 2006-07
- NH Executive Council brochure
- Listing of toll-free phone numbers for resources and information

I am always available to assist you and your region in solving issues and concerns of importance to you.

**IT IS A PLEASURE TO SERVE DISTRICT ONE.**

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## WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH and COMMON GROUND DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This has been an active and exciting year for our agency. New programs have been established and existing services have been improved. Some changes have been visible to the public and others have involved strengthening our infrastructure “behind the scenes” to allow us to serve you better.

Perhaps the most important change during 2005 has been the change in name of our parent organization. Previously Northern New Hampshire Mental Health and Developmental Services, we are now **Northern Human Services**. This decision was made after years of consideration by our board of directors, local advisory councils and management. This change reflects the fact that we are a major provider of human services in seventy-two towns in northern New Hampshire. The new name is also much shorter and will, hopefully, be easier to identify and remember! You will notice from the title of this report that our local program names have remained the same. We are the same agency, with the same staff, providing the same quality mental health, substance abuse and developmental services that have been essential parts of your community for the past 35 years. We have always been part of a larger entity, but, as always, your support will go to residents of your town.

Our services continue to expand as residents of the towns we serve are increasingly in need of supports. Services that were once provided by families and neighbors are now often unavailable from these over-burdened sources. This means that people in need turn to us for help. Families with children who are struggling to function in their schools and communities are especially grateful that our staff are able to go into schools and homes to provide “on the spot” assistance when needed. Some of the other services available to residents of your community include:

- 24-hour crisis intervention and assessment service for mental health emergencies
- Individual, marriage and family counseling, offered by highly trained mental health professionals with a variety of specialties
- Medication consultations to local physicians by Board certified psychiatrists
- “Full-life” supports for persons with serious and persistent mental illness, including housing, vocational and case management services
- Individualized home placements for fifty persons with developmental disabilities
- Life-enriching jobs and social connections for people with mental illness and developmental disabilities
- Substance abuse prevention and treatment by our staff of licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors

This year 2 residents received 59 hours of service at a discounted rate or at no cost. This was made possible by town contributions. Thank you for your generous support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane C. MacKay, LICSW  
Area Director



# NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE AGENCY, INC. Town of Sugar Hill 2005

Home care is critical to serving the growing health care need of this country. North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency makes it possible for hundreds of people a year to continue their lives at home. Recognizing that clients and their families have special requests and routines, we coordinate all aspects of our clients' care with a keen respect for individual needs. In working with families we discover what is important to the client - their independence, their ability to determine their own future, their right to say, "thanks, but no thanks." It is in the respect of our clients' values and expectations that have earned us a reputation for providing exceptional health care services.

North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency relies on Town support and individual donations to help underwrite the cost of providing home care services to people with limited or no health benefits. Because of your generosity and support, North Country Health and Hospice continues its 34-year tradition of responding to the home health and hospice needs of North Country residents.

As we struggle to deal with the difficult and time consuming issues facing home care today, the staff of the North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency wants to thank you for your continued support so vital to helping people in your town be assured of continuing quality medical care at home.

## Explanation of Services:

*Skilled Services* - shorter hospital stays and new technology allow many treatments to be done in the home, provided and administered by skilled professionals, such as nurses and therapists.

*Supportive Care Services* - home health aides, homemakers, and companions ensure ill and disabled persons can live in healthy households, have clean clothes, nutritious meals, and help with their activities of daily living.

*Hospice Care* - a holistic, family supportive, medically directed, team-oriented program that seeks to treat and comfort individuals and families coping with terminal illnesses.

Services provided to the Town of Sugar Hill in FY2005 include:

Type of Care	# of Visits
Nursing	110
Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapy	49
Medical Social Service	1
Home Health Aide/Homemaker/Companion	247
Total	407

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Jurasek, Executive Director

## HOSPICE OF THE LITTLETON AREA 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

Hospice of the Littleton Area (HLA) is a non-profit community-based volunteer program offering supportive care to terminally ill individuals and their families wherever they reside - in their homes, assisted living facilities, nursing homes or hospitals. HLA trained volunteers provide emotional support and companionship, help with routine chores and errands, meal preparation, assistance with transportation needs, and respite time for family members. HLA also maintains a free lending library of books, pamphlets and tapes; facilitates a walk-in bereavement support group, and provides bereavement support to family members for one year following the death of a loved one. Additionally, HLA conducts community outreach services through its hospice volunteer training program, special events and meetings with various organizations and schools.

In 2005, Hospice of the Littleton Area (HLA) provided services to a total of **124** patients and family members in its service area, which includes the towns of: Bath, Bethlehem, Carroll (Twin Mountain), Dalton, Easton, Franconia, Haverhill, Landaff, Lincoln, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman, Monroe, Sugar Hill, Whitefield, Woodstock and Woodsville.

The director, volunteer coordinator and hospice volunteers provided supportive care to **68** individuals and their families coping with the advanced and final stages of illness. Additionally, our bereavement programs supported **56** grieving clients through special mailings, phone contact, one-on-one counseling and bereavement support group meetings at All Saints Parish in Littleton. Overall, HLA staff and volunteers gave over **3000 hours** in direct care services.

Hospice of the Littleton Area continues its partnership with two area healthcare providers. HLA provides volunteer and bereavement services to the North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency's Medicare Hospice Program and offers supportive care to patients and family members in the Hospice Room at Littleton Regional Hospital.

To meet the rising need for hospice services, Hospice of the Littleton Area conducted a six-week (18-hour) hospice volunteer training program in Littleton in 2005. Nineteen (19) people completed the training. Since 1983, HLA has trained 323 people and currently has 104 volunteers serving 17 communities in the North Country.

There is ***no charge*** to patients or families for HLA services. HLA does not receive any federal, state or county funding and is not reimbursed by private insurers. HLA relies primarily upon the generosity and good will of the communities it serves to support its programs. Without financial help from the towns, HLA would not be able to serve the many patients and families it does.

Your much needed support for Hospice of the Littleton Area is greatly appreciated as we continue to provide compassionate care to terminally ill residents and their families.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael A. Neil  
Executive Director

## **GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and North Woodstock, the information and assistance program Grafton County ServiceLink, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Volunteer Center (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2005, 23 older residents of Sugar Hill were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Littleton Area Senior Center:

- Older adults from Sugar Hill enjoyed 42 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- They received 677 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Sugar Hill residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 31 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 7 visits by a trained social worker.
- Sugar Hill's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 105.5 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Sugar Hill residents in 2005 was \$5,017.90.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Sugar Hill's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

**Roberta Berner, Executive Director**



**BIRTHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2005**

<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Name of Child</b>	<b>Name of Father &amp; Name of Mother</b>
June 20, 2005	Robert Whitney	Robert Whitney Yoko Whitney

**DEATHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2005**

<b>Date Of Death</b>	<b>Name Of Deceased</b>	<b>Name &amp; Surname Of Father</b>	<b>Maiden Name Of Mother</b>
June 27, 2005	Harley Burt	Henry Burt	Addie Jesseman

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2005**

<b>Date of Marriage</b>	<b>Name and Surname Of Groom &amp; Bride</b>	<b>Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage</b>
June 4, 2005	Robert Whitney Yoko Fujii	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Lissa Boissonneault, Town Clerk



# NOTES

**TOWN HOURS  
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE  
823-8468**

Monday ..... 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Tuesday and Thursday ..... 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
823-8516**

Monday ..... 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Tuesday and Thursday ..... 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**PLANNING BOARD**

First Wednesday of each month ..... 5:30 PM

**ZONING BOARD**

As needed ..... 6:30 PM

**TRANSFER STATION**

Sunday ..... 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Monday ..... 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Tuesday, Thursday ..... CLOSED  
Wednesday ..... 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Friday ..... 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday ..... 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
823-7001**

Monday ..... 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Tuesday ..... 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Thursday ..... 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Saturday ..... 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
823-5336**

Thursday ..... 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Saturday ..... 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Sunday ..... 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

OPEN: Mid June - Mid October

**FIRE, POLICE, LIFE SQUAD  
EMERGENCY ONLY  
911**

**Non-Emergency Police  
823-8725  
823-8123**

**Non-Emergency Fire Department  
823-8415  
823-8123**

**Highway Department  
823-8788**

**Meetinghouse  
823-7011**

